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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FORD.

1. Reference: BSC/Ops/013 of 11 January 1947 relates FOR version of same meeting.

2. On Monday 6 January 1947, a man introducing himself as F. KOENIG appeared at source's house. He immediately admitted, however, that his name really was different, and that although he had come to ask her about some of her relatives named "BLUM", he already knew that her name was BETZ.

3. FORD just as immediately told source what his real mission was: the locating of source for the Russians. He had originally made a trip to Weimar and had found out that she was still registered as living there. Immediately thereafter, with great enthusiasm, the Russian captain had gone down to Weimar in person to pick her up. He had sent a policeman to her home "to invite her to headquarters as an interpreter, since they had heard of her linguistic qualifications", and had only then found out that she was now living in the American Sector of Berlin. The Russians knew of course, all about her work in Italy, and with CIANO, though source was not to be told the Russians did know this. In order to satisfy the Russians about her present activities, would source tell him what she was doing? Source gave what she thought would be sufficient information (cf. reference report, paragraph 6), and subject declared that, 'of course, the Americans would be informed first of what she had said and would censor it before it was given to the Russians'.

4. Subject, having fairly clearly indicated his status as a double agent working for the Russians and the Americans, then suggested to source that she continue to supply the Russians with information. He further suggested that she do it exclusively through him: first, because if she went into the Russian Sector or zone, the Russians would pick her up; and second, if she used him as a cut-out for any dealings with the Russians, it would enhance his reputation and value to the Russians. On the other hand, if she ever should be picked up by the Russians, he would volunteer himself to be arrested by the Americans, so that the Americans could bargain and exchange prisoners to effect her release.

5. Since subject suggested source visit the theater with him, source suggested that might be a good way for the Russians to be able to see that source and subject actually knew each other and saw each other. According to source, subject was pleased to receive this operational tip.

6. Subject then sat back (his visit lasted two hours), and proceeded to tell source his real name, his work with the ADN, and about his wife turning pottery in the English Zone. He assured her, in apologizing for his garrulousness, that seldom had he met anyone who on first meeting inspired so much confidence.

7. Source's own evaluation of subject is that he is probably well-meaning, reliable, but not too intelligent. As for his professional qualifications, she stated it was too bad he had not had the benefit of AMT VI schooling.

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